REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 6, 11 and 17 as the independent claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,590,873 to Li et al. (hereinafter, Li) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,249,894 to Lin et al. (hereinaster, Lin). The Examiner rejected Claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li in view of Lin and U.S. Patent No. 6,151,328 to Kwon et al. (hereinafter, Kwon).

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Examiner contends that the combination of Li and Lin teaches each and every limitation of the claims. More specifically, the Examiner contends that Li teaches every limitation of independent Claims 1 and 6 with the exception of reception states of first information received on a first traffic channel and second information received on a second traffic channel, wherein reception state indicating bits of the first and the second information are reception result indicator bits for power control on a frame basis. The Examiner contends that Lin remedies these deficiencies.

Claim 1 recites a method of reporting reception states of first information received on a first traffic channel and second information received on a second traffic channel in one frame from a base station in a mobile station. Bits indicating the reception states of the first and the second information are allocated to slots of a reverse frame. The reverse frame is transmitted. The reception state indicating bits of the first and the second information are reception result indicator bits for power control on a frame basis.

Li teaches a reverse channel for transmitting pilot and power control bits. The bits are transmitted over a frame having sixteen sub-frames, each sub-frame comprising four bits representing pilot and power control, including a fundamental and a supplemental power control

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bit. Lin discloses the use of an Erasure Indicator Bit (EIB), which indicates that the mobile unit did not accurately receive a frame sent by the base station over a specific channel.

Thus, while Li describes the transmission of a reverse frame having bits that control power of both a fundamental and a supplemental channel, it fails to disclose that the bits indicate reception states of two channels. Further, while Lin discloses the use of an EIB, it also fails to disclose the use of the EIB in indicating the reception states of two channels. Thus, the combination of Li and Lin fails to teach, suggest or render obvious the allocation of reception state indicating bits of first information received on a first traffic channel and second information received on a second traffic channel, to slots of a reverse frame for power control on a frame basis, as recited in Claims 1 and 6.

While not conceding the patentability of the dependent claims, per se, Claims 2-5 and 7-10 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent Claims 1 and 6.

Accordingly, Applicants assert that the rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Examiner states that the combination of Li, Lin and Kwon teaches each and every limitation of the claims. Independent Claim 11 recites the use of an MUX for allocating multiplexed reception indicating bits into slots of a reverse frame, wherein the reverse frame comprises sixteen slots and each slot comprises a single reception state-indicating bit. Independent Claim 17 recites the use of a DEMUX for a receiving a reverse frame comprising sixteen slots and for separating reception state indicating bits from the reverse frame, wherein each slot comprises a single reception state indicating bit. Kwon fails to remedy the deficiencies of the combination of Li and Lin described above.

While not conceding the patentability of the dependent claims, per se, Claims 12-16 and 18-22 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent Claims 11 and 17. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the rejection of Claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

A corrected terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith.

Therefore, in view of the preceding remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-22 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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